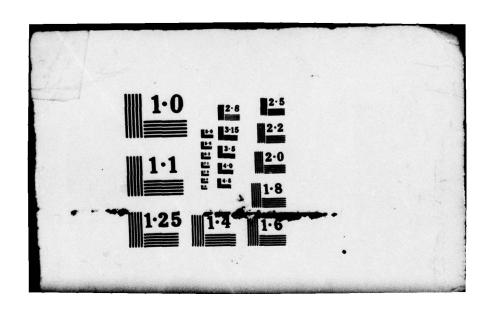
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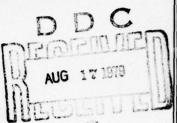


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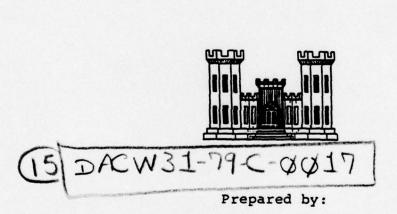
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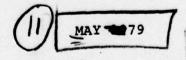


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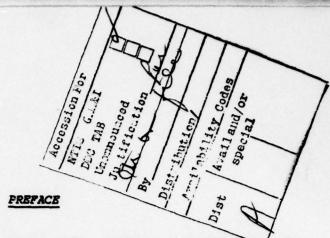
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In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected, and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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Name of Dam: County Located: State Located: Stream: Coordinates:

Pole Run Dam No. 4 Schuylkill County Pennsylvania Pole Run Latitude 40° 50.4' Longitude 76° 7.6'

Date of Inspection: 10 April 1979

Pole Run Dam No. 4, owned by the Mahanoy Township Water Authority, is used as a supplemental water supply source for Mahanoy City and surrounding area. The structure was built in 1877 and, in 1956, Gannett, Fleming, Corddry and Carpenter, Inc., designed the existing spillway.

The facility is judged to be in generally poor condition and should be considered a non-emergency unsafe structure. Reasons for this evaluation include the irregular upstream and downstream slopes showing evidence of long-term movement; the presumably unserviceable pond drain system; and the lack of reasonable upstream freeboard even during normal storage. In addition, the embankment has surface cracks along the crest and elliptical depressions along the downstream toe which may be scars from previous old, shallow surface slides. Clear seepage was also noted along the downstream toe and beneath the main discharge pipe. Furthermore, there is no engineering or construction data available by which a stability evaluation could be performed.

The spillway passes significantly less than 20 percent of the PMF without overtopping. Furthermore, it is expected the embankment would fail during 0.5 PMF or greater events. In the event of failure as a result of overtopping, increased property damage is expected from this "High" hazard, "Small" size structure. Therefore, the spillway is considered to be "Seriously Inadequate".

Considering the condition of the dam, the seepage noted, signs of movement and overall deterioration of the structure, as well as the seriously deficient spillway, the following recommendations are presented. All work should be performed under the direction of a registered professional engineer experienced in dam design.



- A geotechnical investigation, which includes test borings, undisturbed samples, and piezometers or observation wells, should be performed.
- 2. The spillway system should be reconstructed to meet current hydrologic/hydraulic criteria as determined from a detailed hydrologic/hydraulic analysis.
- 3. Seepage along the downstream slope and beyond the toe of the dam should be collected and monitored for turbidity and changes in rates of seepage. Remedial measures should be taken if deemed appropriate after an analysis by the engineer.

The following items are considered important and should be performed as soon as practical.

- Trees and other vegetation should be removed from 1. the slopes.
- 2. The outlet works should be inspected and repaired, as necessary, to bring the system back to a serviceable condition.
- 3. Provisions should be made in the event of an emergency for upstream closure of the pond drains.

A formal maintenance/operational and warning procedure should be developed and implemented for this facility. The maintenance/operational procedure should contain a checklist to insure that all items are periodically inspected and maintained in the best possible condition. The warning procedure should establish a method of warning downstream residents when high flows are expected. Evacuation procedures should also be developed.

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OVERVIEW
POLE RUN DAM NO. 4, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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SECTION 1 PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General.

- a. <u>Authority</u>. The Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a program of inspection of dams throughout the United States.
- b. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the inspection is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 Description of Project.

a. Dam and Appurtenances. Pole Run Dam No. 4 is a 30 foot high earthen embankment across Pole Run, a tributary of North Mahanoy Creek. The 780 foot long dam impounds a nine acre reservoir within an 0.58 square mile drainage basin. Very limited data exists regarding the physical features of the dam. The average measured downstream slope is 2H:1V, and the slope is covered with stone and vegetation; as shown on Photograph 6. Since the average freeboard of the structure is less than one foot at normal pool level, the upstream slope could not be measured. A portion of the upstream slope is covered with stone, and this stone could be seen to extend at least two feet below the water and it is probable that it extends several feet below that elevation. The crest width ranges from 15 feet to 27 feet.

The spillway is located at the right abutment, as shown on Plate 2. Appendix E. and consists of an open concrete channel with concrete retaining walls. The water supply intakes could not be inspected as they are below water and the pipes are buried in the embankment. The outlet pipes were inspected and three pipes were found as shown on Plate 2, Appendix E. Near the toe of the dam, valves were located which are presumably used to control flow through the pipes.

b. <u>Location</u>. The dam is located across Pole Run, a tributary of North Mahanoy Creek in Mahanoy Township, Schuyl-kill County, Pennsylvania. The dam is located approximately

3,500 feet north of Shoemakers, Pennsylvania. The dam site and reservoir are shown on USGS Quadrangle entitled "Shenandoah, Pennsylvania" at coordinates N 40° 50.4' W 76° 7.6'. A regional location plan is enclosed as Plate 1, Appendix E.

- c. <u>Size Classification</u>. The dam is classified as a "Small" size dam by virtue of its 30 foot height and 115 acrefoot total storage capacity.
- d. <u>Hazard Classification</u>. A "High" hazard classification is assigned consistent with the potential for extensive property damage and loss of life downstream at Shoemakers, Pennsylvania, and farther downstream at Bowmans, Pennsylvania, which is just north of Mahanoy City.
- e. Ownership. Mahanoy Township Water Authority owns and maintains this dam. All correspondence should be sent to Mr. George Palmer, Manager, Mahanoy Township Water Authority, 46 North Main Street, Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania 17948.
- f. <u>Purpose of the Dam</u>. The dam is used as a supplemental water supply source for Mahanoy City and surrounding area.
- g. <u>Design and Construction History</u>. The dam was built in 1877 by the Mahanoy City Water Company under the direction of Mr. Mark D. Bowman, engineer for the company. As reported in the December 4, 1914, "Report Upon the Pole Run Dam No. 4 of the Mahanoy City Water Company":

"No plans or specifications were prepared and, as Mr. Bowman is now dead, no reliable information was obtained with reference to construction methods and details."

"No record of preliminary investigations for foundations was discovered and it is probable that none were made."

"The up and downstream slopes are protected with riprap of conglomerate boulders."

"From the best information obtainable it is the writer's impression that no core or cut-off walls were constructed."

"There are two 10 inch pipe outlets through the embankment, one near the left end which is above the original ground surface in the reservoir but which passes beneath the ground surface before the downstream toe is reached. The water was at a low stage at the time of the field examination and this pipe was exposed. It extends into the reservoir about 10 feet beyond the toe of the embankment and is protected merely with conglomerate boulders packed around the pipe."

The spillway was replaced in 1956. The engineer was Gannett Fleming Corddry & Carpenter, Inc.

h. Normal Operating Procedures. The manager for the water company indicates that the valves for flow downstream are only exercised when supplemental water is needed during a period of drought. These valves are rarely opened. The ungated spillway requires no operation.

1.3 Pertinent Data.

A summary of pertinent data for Pole Run Dam No. 4 and reservoir is presented as follows.

a.	Drainage Area (sq miles)	0.58
b.	Discharge at Dam Site (cfs) Maximum Known Flood (Tropical Storm Agnes) Estimated At Top of Dam (low point)	Unknown (1)
c.	Elevations (feet above MSL) (2) Top of Dam	
	At Maximum Section Low Point at Left Abutment	1,712.0
	Spillway Weir Crest	1,711.0
	Water Supply Invert	Unknown
	Normal Pool	1,711.0
đ.	Reservoir (feet)	
	Length at Normal Pool	800
	Fetch at Normal Pool	800
e.	Storage (acre-feet)	
	Normal Pool	106
	Top of Dam	115

Based on HEC-1, Rev., computer runs using "Best Estimate" values, it is judged that the dam most likely overtopped for at least a short period of time.

⁽²⁾ All elevations are based on a spillway elevation of 1,711 taken from USGS map.

f. Reservoir Surface (acres)
Normal Pool

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g. Dam Data
Type
Length
Height
Crest Width (varies)
Side Slopes
Upstream
Downstream (approximate)
Cutoff
Grout Curtain

Earth 780 feet 30 feet 15 to 27 feet

Unknown 2H: LV Unknown Probably None

h. Water Supply and Blow-Off Water Supply

Two 10" CIP

i. Spillway
Type
Location
Width
Discharge Chute

Concrete channel.
Right abutment.
31.4 feet
Concrete discharging into natural channel

SECTION 2 ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design.

- a. Availability. A summary of engineering data is presented in the checklist attached as Appendix A. The only significant document available for this investigation was the "Report Upon the Pole Run Dam No. 4 of the Mahanoy City Water Company", prepared by DER, dated December 4, 1914. Other data included miscellaneous correspondence and State of Pennsylvania inspection reports. The correspondence and inspection reports date from the mid-1930's to the latest inspection report, dated April 13, 1971. The 1914 report indicated no design or construction documents ever existed.
- b. Design Features. The principal features are illustrated on the plan, profile and cross-section plates enclosed in Appendix E. Information has been obtained from the documents listed above and from measurements taken during the field inspection. A summary of the pertinent design features is included in Section 1.3.

2.2 Construction.

There is no data available concerning the construction history of this dam and reservoir.

2.3 Operational Data.

No water levels are maintained by the water company. However, rainfall records are maintained at a reporting rainfall station within the area of the other three reservoirs owned by the Mahanoy Township Water Company.

2.4 Evaluation.

- a. Availability. All information presented herein was extracted from records located in the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) files in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, from conversations with the Owner's representative and from the limited resources of the Mahanoy Township Water Authority.
- b. Adequacy. Available data included in the State files and presented in this report were not adequate to evaluate the engineering aspects of this dam.
- c. Validity. There is no reason to question the validity of the limited available data.

SECTION 3 VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings.

- a. General. Observations and comments of the field inspection team are contained in the checklist enclosed herein as Appendix B, and are summarized and evaluated in the following sections. In general, the appearance of the facility indicates that the dam is currently in poor condition.
- Dam. The vertical alignment of the dam crest was checked and the profile is shown on Plate 4, Appendix E. embankment is 0.4 feet below the left spillway wall and there is approximately seven inches of freeboard at normal pool. There was no discernible horizontal displacement or bulging noted along the crest, but slope undulations were prevalent along the full length of the dam. Longitudinal surface cracks were noted principally on the upstream side of the crest as shown on Sheet 5a and in Appendix D. These cracks appear to be surface cracks with no evidence found of embankment movement associated with them. Several small elliptical slope movements were noted near the toe, which appear to be scars from old shallow surface slides. Minor erosion was noted along the crest and at a few locations along the slope. One depressed area on the crest, as shown on Sheet 5a, appears to have resulted from concentrated surface runoff passing over the downstream slope.

There were no riprap failures observed and junctions between the embankment and abutments are in reasonably good condition. Clear seepage was noted along the downstream toe and beneath the main discharge pipe at the low section of the embankment, as shown on sheet 5a.

c. Appurtenant Structures.

l. Spillway. The concrete discharge spillway and walls are assessed to be in fair condition with some cracking and spalling. The left headwall of the spillway has cracked and separated from the channel wall, rotating upstream. This section of wall is in poor condition. Railroad track has been installed in an attempt to restrain further movement. See Photograph 9. The channel immediately downstream of the spillway has been severely eroded; see Photograph 10 and Plate 5. The channel is only partially protected by large boulders and rocks.

- 2. Outlet Works. The 10-inch outlet pipes are located through the embankment and the inlets were underwater. Only the outlet ends and valves could be inspected. In both cases, the outlet pipes appeared to be old, in fair condition, and the valves appeared in poor condition as they are poorly protected from the elements, rusty, and visually appear to be of marginal servicability.
- d. Reservoir. The reservoir slopes are flat to moderate and well vegetated to the water's edge. There is no evidence of significant siltation, bank slope instability or other features that would significantly affect the flood storage capacity of the reservoir.
- e. <u>Downstream Channel</u>. The downstream channel flows through a steep narrow valley to an abandoned railroad embankment 2,750 feet downstream of the dam. This embankment is estimated to be about 30± feet high, measured from the crest to the downstream toe. About 900 feet farther, Pole Run enters North Mahanoy Creek near Shoemakers, Pennsylvania.

There are two homes adjacent to Pole Run and several more in Shoemakers, subject to damage and probable loss of life in the event of abrupt failure during a severe storm.

The severity of damage during an extreme event or failure of Pole Run Dam depends on whether or not the high (30± foot) railroad embankment also failed. It is reported that water ponded behind the railroad embankment during Tropical Storm Agnes. It is conservatively assumed that the embankment would fail during storms greater than Agnes or if overtopped. Inspection of the railroad embankment was not possible. Although permission was granted for access to the embankment, no one was available to control the watchdogs.

3.2 Evaluation.

In summary, visual inspection of the dam disclosed no evidence of incipient failure. The longitudinal cracks observed along the crest and signs of seepage through the embankment are considered undesirable features. Long-term creep and distortion of the downstream slope indicate that the stability of the structure may be marginal and that additional investigations and evaluations should be performed, as described in Section 7. Hydrologic and hydraulic evaluations are discussed in Section 5.

SECTION 4 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedures.

Normal procedures do not require a dam tender. Water is discharged through the 10-inch pipes only when the first three reservoirs owned by Mahanoy City Water Authority become low and supplemental water supply is needed.

4.2 Maintenance of the Dam.

There is very little evidence of routine maintenance of this structure other than removal of woody vegetation from the downstream slope.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities.

Similar to dam maintenance, there is very little evidence that operating facilities have been maintained by the water company. There is no evidence that the valves have ever been lubricated.

4.4 Warning Systems In Effect.

There are no formal warning systems or procedures established to be followed during periods of exceedingly heavy rainfall.

4.5 Evaluation.

There are no written operating procedures, maintenance procedures or warning systems. If the dam were to fail, the downstream railroad embankment is assumed to fail, extensive property damage and probable loss of life would be expected at Shoemakers, Pennsylvania. Since the dam is classified as a "High" hazard dam, maintenance and operating procedures should be developed and implemented. These procedures should include a checklist of items to be observed, operated and inspected on a regular basis.

Since a formal warning procedure does not exist, a formal procedure should be developed to notify downstream residents and implemented during periods of exceedingly heavy rainfall. This procedure should include a detailed method of monitoring the dam and railroad embankment during severe storms. However, access to the dam during periods of high flow may not be possible as the road to the structure is unpaved and crosses the discharge channel of Mahanoy Township Water Authority's Dam No. 2.

SECTION 5 HYDROLOGY/HYDRAULICS

5.1 Evaluation of Features.

a. <u>Design/Evaluation Data</u>. There is no design/evaluation data for the existing spillway. Hydrologic and hydraulic evaluations made as a part of this investigation are contained in Appendix C.

The watershed is a small, mountain-top watershed approximately one mile long and about 0.7 miles wide, having a total area of 0.58 square miles. Elevations range from a high of 1,912 to normal pool elevation of 1,711. The watershed is completely wooded with no residential development. The Water Authority owns most, if not all, of the watershed. The runoff characteristics of the watershed are not likely to change.

In accordance with the criteria established by the Federal (OCE) Guidelines, the recommended spillway design flood for this "Small" size dam and "High" hazard potential classification is 0.5 to 1.0 PMF (Probable Maximum Flood).

- b. Experience Data. No reservoir level records are maintained. No estimate was available of previous high reservoir elevations. Mahanoy Township Water Authority maintains a reporting rain gauging station within one mile of the dam. A frequent storm of record for this part of the State occurred June 1972, Tropical Storm Agnes. Consecutive 24-hour rainfalls reported at Reservoir No. 1 are 3.57 and 5.10 inches. The 5.10 inches could represent 17 to 19 percent of the PMF; see Appendix C.
- c. <u>Visual Observations</u>. The only condition disclosed by the inspection that limits spillway capacity is the very small distance between the reservoir surface and the top of the dam, as shown on Plate 4, Appendix E. Other observations regarding the condition of the downstream channel, spillway and reservoir are located in Appendix B.
- d. Overtopping Potential. The overtopping potential of this dam was estimated using "HEC-1, Dam Safety Version", computer program. A brief description of the program is included in Appendix C. Calculations indicate that the maximum spillway capacity is about 60 cfs when the reservoir level is at the minimum crest elevation. The HEC-1 computed peak PMF inflow is 1,484 cfs. The spillway passes less than 10 percent of the PMF without overtopping the dam. The spillway could pass about 0.22 PMF if the minimum crest elevation was at the top of the spillway wall.

- e. Spillway Adequacy. The spillway is rated as "Seriously Inadequate" as all of the following criteria are met:
 - The spillway will not pass 50 percent of the PMF without overtopping the dam.
 - 2. Overtopping will cause dam failure.
 - There will be a significant increase in property damage and potential for loss of life as a result of failure by overtopping.

As discussed in this report, the embankment materials and quality of construction are unknown. Although the embankment has probably been overtopped in the past, the depth and duration of flow is unknown. In this report, the embankment is conservatively assessed to fail if overtopped by 0.5 foot or for several hours. The increase in hazard is discussed in the following paragraph.

f. Downstream Condition. It is reported during Tropical Storm Agnes, that discharge from the dam ponded water behind the abandoned railroad embankment about 2,750 feet downstream of the dam. Residents immediately downstream of the railroad embankment left their homes fearing failure of the railroad embankment. It is conservatively assumed that the railroad embankment would fail during storms greater than Agnes, if overtopped or if Pole Run No. 4 Dam failed. Failure of the dam and railroad embankment will release more water than failure of the dam alone. Damage downstream will be significantly greater as a result of failure during an extreme event than damage resulting from high flows without failure.

SECTION 6 STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability.

a. <u>Visual Observations</u>. Visual observations did not indicate an immediate embankment stability problem, but there is evidence of long-term downstream slope movements and longitudinal cracking along the crest. It is noted that this cracking may be attributed to the high water level with respect to the top of the embankment and recent freeze-thaw cycles which promote cracking.

In its present state, the dam is considered to be in a noncritical unsafe condition. The evidence for this classification includes slope distortions, longitudinal cracks, and general steepness of the slope. As noted in Section 3, clear seepage was observed through the embankment toe and beneath the discharge pipes, but is probably a result of high phreatic surface and possibly an embankment without a suitable drainage system.

The concrete spillway is considered to be in fair condition, but the upstream wing wall is in poor condition. The concrete in several places is spalled and cracked and the upstream left retaining wall has cracked and has rotated upstream away from the channel side wall. The discharge channel below the spillway is in poor condition. Continued deterioration of the channel would most likely lead to undermining and possible failure of the spillway.

- b. Design and Construction Data. No design or construction data is known to exist. All data concerning physical features are limited to physical dimensions of the dam taken during the field inspection and are, therefore, inadequate for a detailed evaluation of the structure.
- c. Operating Procedures. No operating procedures currently exist.
- d. <u>Post-Construction Changes</u>. Since completion in 1887, and the "Report Upon the Pole Run Dam No. 4 of the Mahanoy City Water Company", there have been no changes to this dam except for reconstruction of the spillway.
- e. Embankment Stability. There were no embankment stability evaluations located in the files. Visual inspection revealed some slope movement, as evidenced by undulations, both laterally and vertically. The slopes are also steep and

clear seepage was noted through the toe at several places. Therefore, a stability analysis is warranted.

f. Seismic Stability. The dam is located in Seismic Zone l. Normally it can be considered that if a dam in this zone is stable under static loading conditions, it can be assumed safe for any expected earthquake conditions. Since the static factor of safety for this dam is unknown, a seismic stability evaluation could not be made. Considering the condition of the slopes covered with vegetation and signs of long-term creep movement, it is concluded that a static stability analysis should be performed and, based on this, the seismic stability evaluated.

SECTION 7 ASSESSMENT/REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment.

- a. Evaluation. On the basis of the visual inspection, the dam is judged to be in generally poor condition and should be considered unsafe. There are no engineering or construction data other than meager information obtained from the field, DER files and conversations with the water company. Downstream and upstream slopes are irregular, showing signs of long-term movement. The pond drain and outlet systems for water supply are considered "marginal" and their servicability is questionable. The spillway is considered to be in fair condition, but the discharge channel is in poor condition and in need of repair and general rehabilitation to prevent undermining of the concrete spillway. The upstream embankment affords very little freeboard even during normal storage. Therefore, overtopping is likely during severe storms.
- b. Adequacy of Information. Insufficient engineering and construction data were found to adequately evaluate the stability of the dam. Specifically, no plans or specifications were reportedly prepared. There was no evidence found of an embankment drainage system. Foundation preparation details are also unknown. It is not known if there is a cutoff trench or core wall or grout curtain, and a 1914 report indicates that probably none of these features were included in construction of the dam.
- c. <u>Urgency</u>. It is concluded that recommendations considered critical in Section 7.2 be implemented immediately. All other items should be implemented as soon as practical.
- d. <u>Necessity of Additional Studies</u>. It is judged that additional investigations pertaining to embankment stability and hydraulics should be performed. These recommendations are described in Section 7.2.

7.2 Remedial Measures.

- a. <u>Facilities</u>. The following recommended remedial work is considered to be critical and should be performed immediately under the direction of a registered professional engineer experienced in dam design.
 - A geotechnical investigation should be performed.
 This investigation should include test borings,

retrieval of undisturbed samples and installation of piezometers or well points. Based on an evaluation of the results, a stability analysis should be performed.

- The spillway system should be reconstructed to meet current hydrologic/hydraulic criteria as determined from a detailed hydrologic/hydraulic analysis.
- 3. Seepage along the downstream slope and beyond the toe of the dam should be collected and monitored for turbidity and changes in rates of seepage. Remedial measures should be taken if deemed appropriate after an analysis by the engineer.

The following items are considered important and should be performed as soon as practical.

- Trees and other vegetation on the slopes should be removed.
- The outlet works should be inspected and repaired to a serviceable condition.
- The pond drains should have provisions for emergency upstream closure.
- b. Operation and Maintenance Procedures. A formal maintenance and warning procedure should be developed and implemented for this facility. The Owner should also develop an inspection checklist as an amendment to the maintenance procedure to insure that all critical items are periodically inspected and maintained. The warning procedure should include provisions for monitoring the structure during periods of exceedingly heavy rainfall and a method of warning downstream residents that high flows are expected. Evacuation procedures should also be developed.

APPENDIX

A

CHECK LIST ENGLHERING DATA DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION PHASE I

NAME OF DAM Pole Run Dam No. 4

IU # PA 00686

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AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

REMARKS

None available.

Sheet 1 of 4

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP

See Plate 1, Appendix E.

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

No significant information is available.

TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM

See Appendix E.

OUTLETS - 2LAN

DETAILS

CONSTRAINTS

DISCHARGE RATINGS

RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS

See Appendix E.

- Not available.

- None available.

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MOMITURING SYSTEMS	None.
MODIFICATIONS	None - except rehabilitation of spillway in early 1970's.
HIGH POOL RECORDS	None.

PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM None.
DESCRIPTION
REPORTS

None.

POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS

MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS

None.

Sheet 4 of 4 REMARKS See Appendix E. SECT 1011S DETAILS SPILLWAY PLAW

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OPERATING EQUIPMENT PLANS & DETAILS

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"Report Upon the Pole Run Dam No. 4 of the Mahanoy City Water Company", 4 December 1914.
Inspection Reports from 1948 through 1971.

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APPENDIX

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CHECK LIST VISUAL INSPECTION PHASE I

Sheet 1 of 11

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Mary F. Beck (Hydrologist) Raymond Lambert (Geologist) John Boschuk, Ir. Manager, accompanied the inspecti	Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection		it Time of Inspection N	A M.S.L.
Mr.	Inspection Personnel: John Boscuk, Jr. (Geotechnical) Vincent McKeever (Hydraulic)	Mary F. Beck (Hydrologist) Raymond Lambert (Geologist)	John H. Frederick (Geotechnical)
Mr.		John Boschuk, Ir.	Recorder	
	Mr.	Manager, accompanied the insp	vection team to the site	

CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	Sheet 2 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	N/A	
STRUCTURE TO ABUTHENT/ENBANKMENT JUNCTIONS	N/A .	
DRAINS	N/A	
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FOUNDATION	N/A	18 30 A 10482

CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

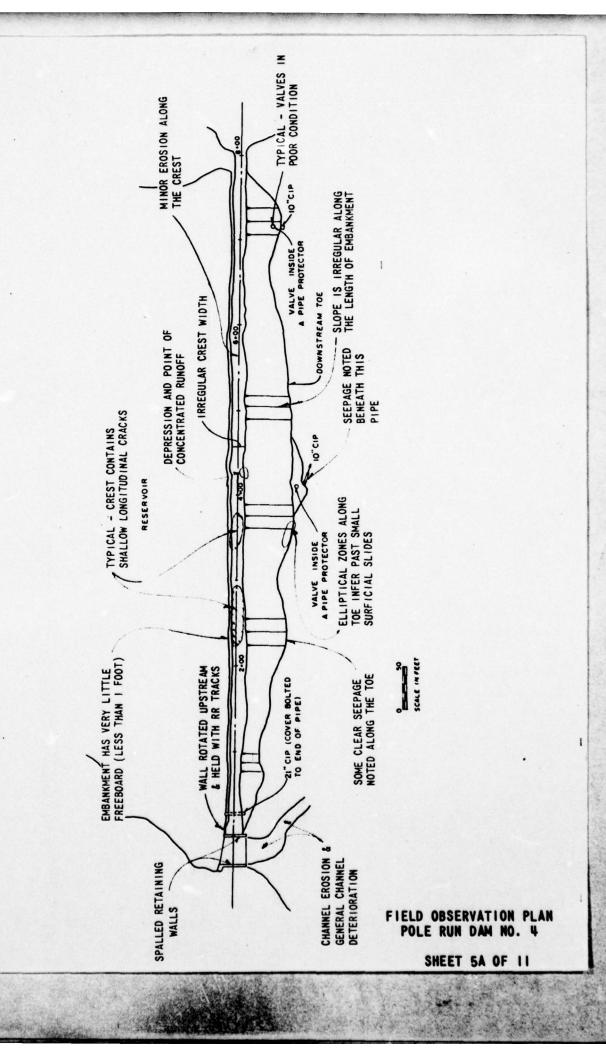
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	Sheet 3 of 11 REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS CONCRETE SURFACES	N/A	
STRUCTURAL CRACKING	N/A	
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT	N/A	
MUNIOLITH JOINTS	N/A	
CONSTRUCTION JOINTS	N/A	

EHBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SURFACE CRACKS	Yes. Horizontal surface cracks were noted mostly on the upstream side of the crest as shown on Sheet 5a, and in Appendix D. They appear to be surface cracks and there was no evidence found of embankment movement associated with these cracks.	ostly on the upstream in Appendix D. They evidence found of acks.
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	None observed but several small elliptical areas along the downstream toe were observed which appear to be scars of old shallow surface slides.	reas along the be scars of old
SLOUGHING OR EROSION OF EMBANIOIENT AND ABUTHENT SLOPES	Minor erosion was noted along the crest and at a few locations along the slope. One depressed area as shown on Sheet 5a, appears to be a place where surface runoff concentrates before passing over the domistream slope.	tt a few locations 1 on Sheet 5a, mcentrates before
VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	Horizontal alignment appears to be good with no significant deviation when compared to old photographs. The vertical alignment undulates as shown on Plate 4, Appendix E.	good with no significant deviation The vertical alignment undulates

None observed.

RIPRAP FAILURES



EMBANKMENT

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	Sheet 5 of 11 OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
WILEL CHENT	
JUNCTION OF EMBANICHENT AND ABUTMENT, SPILLMAY AND DAM	Junctions are in reasonably good condition but the embankment is 0.4 feet below the left spillway wall.
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Yes. See sheet 5a. All seepage was observed to be clear.
SALTER CONTROL	
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None
DRAINS	Unknown.

OUTLET WORKS

		Sheet 6 of 11
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS RI	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	Could not be observed.	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	Underwater.	
OUTLET STRUCTURE	Only the ends of the outlet pipes could be observed. They are in fair condition and the valves were assessed to be in poor condition as they are rusted and did not appear to be serviceable.	erved. They are to be in poor r to be
OUTLET CHANNEL	None	
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EMERGENCY GATE	None	

UNGATED SPILLMAY

	48	Sheet 7 of 11
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS RECOMMENDATIONS	MMENDAT 104S
CONCRETE MEIR	None - concrete channel sloping downstream.	
APPROACH CHANNEL	N/A	
DISCHARGE CHA; WEL	Poor condition. Significant portions of the channel have been eroded especially after Tropical Storm Agnes. There is an approximately 4-1/2 foot drop at the downstream edge of the dishcharge channel. See Plate 5, Appendix E.	roded y
BRIDGE AND PIERS	None	. 300 3300

GATED SPILLWAY

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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE SILL	N/A	
APPROACH CHAMNEL	N/A	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	N/A	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	N/A	
GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT	N/A	

INSTRUMENTATION

VISUAL EXAMINATION	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	None	
OBSERVATION WELLS	None	
WETRS	None	
PIEZOMETERS	None	
ОТНЕЯ	None	

RESERVOIR

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SLOPES	Reservoir side slopes are moderate, well vegetated with trees to water's edge.

SEDIMENTATION

Minimal sedimentation, no effect on flood storage.

DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

Sheet 11 of 11

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF

OBSERVATIONS

REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS

COMDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)

There are no obstructions for about 2750 feet below the dam where the channel passes under an abandoned railroad embankment. During large storms, water ponds behind this embankment.

SLOPES

Valley gradient is approximately 0.08 through a wooded, steep mountain valley.

APPROXIMATE NO.
OF HOMES AND
POPULATION

About 3000 feet below the dam are two homes, about 500 feet further, Pole Run enters Mahanoy Creek where several houses are built adjacent to the stream. They have been flooded in the past.

APPENDIX

C

POLE RUN DAM NO. 4

CHECK LIST HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING DATA

DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: All wooded, no residential development.
ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1711 feet* (106 Acre-Feet).
ELEVATION TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 1711.7 feet (115 Acre Feet)
ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL:
ELEVATION TOP DAM: 1711.7 feet minimum crest elevation.
SPILLWAY
a. Elevation
b. Type Concrete chute.
c. Width Upstream edge, 31'5", downstream, 26'9".
d. Length 25'6" to 33'3".
e. Location Spillover Right abutment.
f. Number and Type of Gates
OUTLET WORKS:
a. Type Two 10-inch cast iron pipe.
b. Location Near left end and one below original ground at maximum section
c. Entrance inverts Unknown.
d. Exit inverts
e. Emergency draindown facilities
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES:
a. Type Standard Rain Gage.
b. Location At Reservoir No. 1, less than 1 mile from this dam.
c. Records A reporting Weather Service Station.
MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE:
* 411 elevations are based on smillion elevator of 1711 feet as shown

^{*} All elevations are based on spillway elevaton of 1711 feet as shown on USGS Map.

HEC-1, REVISED FLOOD HYDROGRAPH PACKAGE

The original "Flood Hydrograph Package" (HEC-1), developed by the Hydrologic Engineering Center, Corps of Engineers, has been modified for use under the National Dam Inspection Program. The "Flood Hydrograph Package (HEC-1), Dam Safety Version", hereinafter referred to as, HEC-1, Rev., has been modified to require less detailed input and to include a dam breach analysis. The required input is obtained from the field inspection of a dam, any available design/evaluation data, relatively simple hydraulic calculations, or information from the USGS Quandrangle maps. The input format is flexible in order to reflect any unique characteristics of an individual dam.

HEC-1, Rev. computes a reservoir inflow hydrograph based on individual watershed characteristics such as: area, percentage of impervious surface area, watershed shape, and hydrograph characteristics determined from regional correlation studies by the Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District. The inflow is routed through the reservoir using spillway discharge data obtained from the field inspection or design data. Flood storage capacity is determined from USGS maps or design information and verified by the field inspection. In the event a spillway cannot discharge 0.5 PMF without overtopping and failure of the dam, downstream channel characteristics obtained from the field inspection and USGS maps are inputed and flows are routed downstream to the damage center and a dam breach analysis is performed.

Included in this Appendix are the HEC-1, Rev. pertinent input values and a summary print-out tables.

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Reservoir routing assuming dam is not overtepped.

Note: Elevation of top of spillway wall at centerline of dam is 1713.09.44.

SUMMARY OF DAM SAFETY ANALYSIS

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APPENDIX

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OUTLET PIPE AT DOWNSTREAM TOE. THREE OF THESE PIPES WERE FOUND.

TYPICAL VALVE CONTROL MECHANISM ALONG TOE TO CONTROL RESERVOIR DISCHARGE.



OVERVIEW OF EMERGENCY SPILLWAY.

EMERGENCY SPILLWAY DISCHARGE CHANNEL JUST BELOW DAM.

TYPICAL VIEW OF UPSTREAM SLOPE LOOKING FROM THE LEFT END OF THE DAM.



TYPICAL VIEW OF DOWNSTREAM SLOPE.



DETERIORATED SECTIONS OF CONCRETE SPILLWAY WALLS

ALTERNATE VIEW OF DETERIORATED SPILLWAY WALL.

DISPLACED UPSTREAM WINGWALL OF EMERGENCY SPILLWAY.



DETERIORATED SPILLWAY DISCHARGE CHANNEL. MOST DAMAGE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED DURING TROPICAL STORM AGNES.



VIEW OF DEPRESSION ALONG CREST OF DAM. LOCATION IS SHOWN ON SHEET 5a, APPENDIX B.

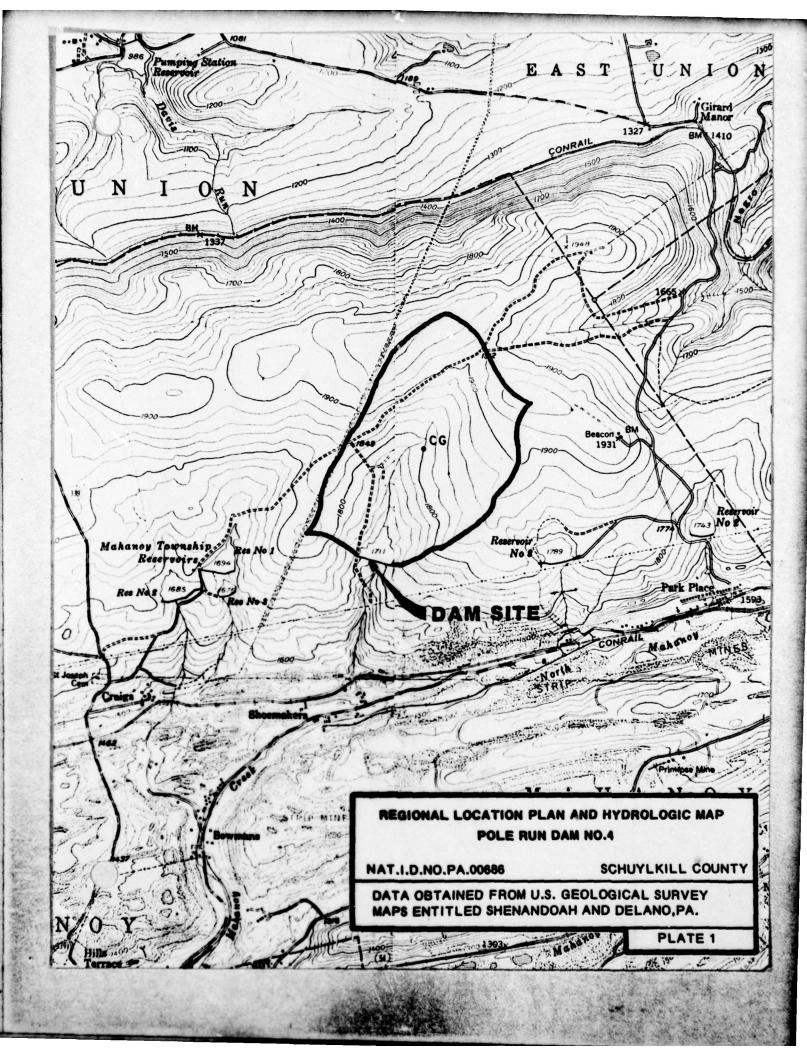


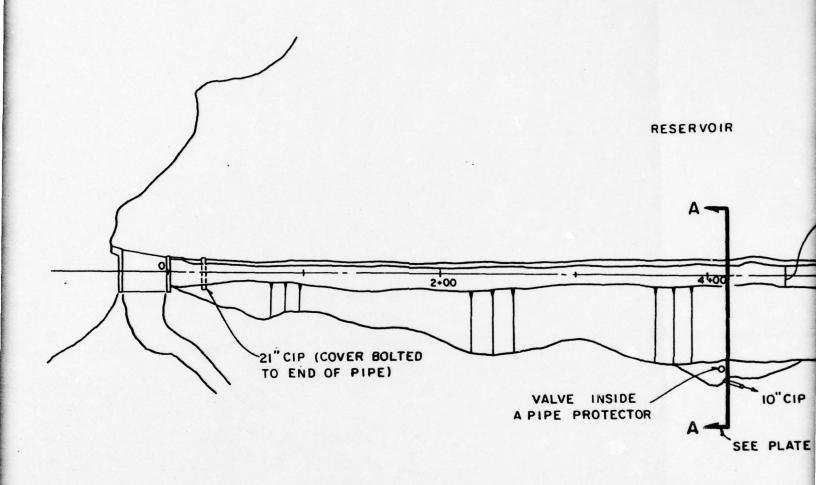
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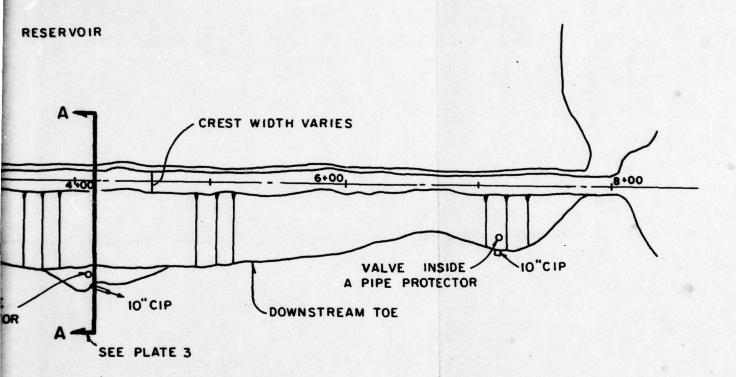
APPENDIX

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PLAN OF DAM AND APPURTENANCES POLE RUN DAM NO.4

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DATA OBTAINED FROM FIELD SURVEY, 10 APRIL,1979

PLATE 2

RIPRAP SURFACE

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LOCAL DEPRESSION IN CREST
(SEE SHEET 50 APPENDIX B AND
PLATE 4)

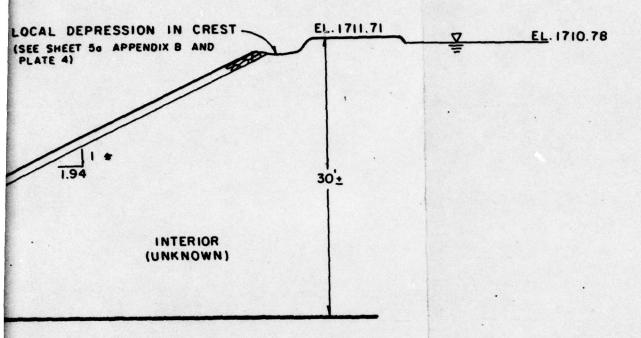
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SCALE IN FEET



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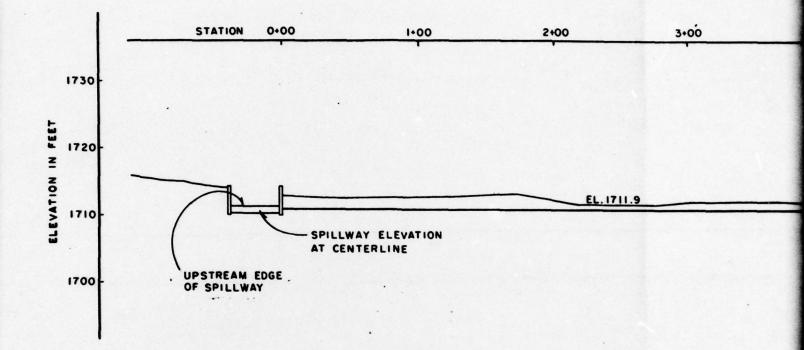
EMBANKMENT PROFILE
POLE RUN DAM NO.4

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DATA OBTAINED FROM FIELD SURVEY, 10 APRIL,1979

PLATE 3



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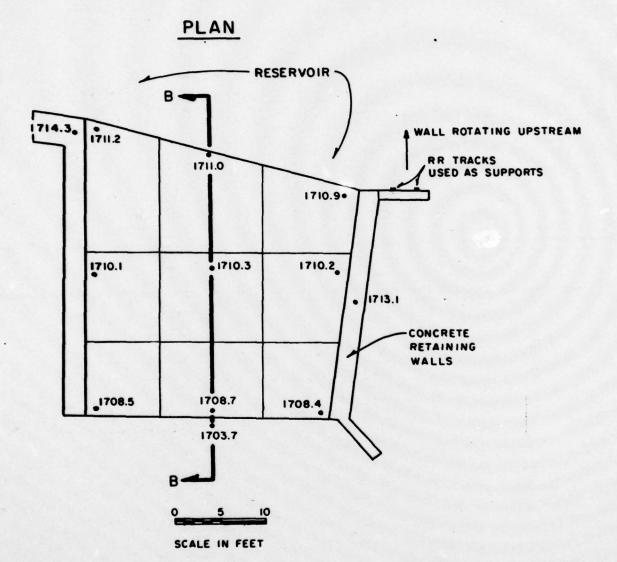
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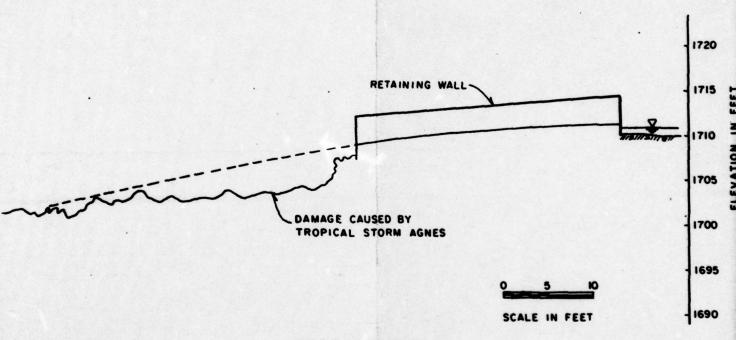
DATA OBTAINED FROM FIELD SURVEY, 10 APRIL,1979

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#### PROFILE



SECTION B-B

PLAN AND PROFILE OF SPILLWAY POLE RUN DAM NO. 4

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SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

DATA OBTAINED FROM FIELD SURVEY, 10 APRIL, 1979

PLATE 5

APPENDIX

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#### SITE GEOLOGY POLE RUN DAM NO. 4

Pole Run Dam No. 4 is located in the Appalachian Mountain Section of the Valley and Ridge Physiographic Province. As shown in Plate F-1, the bedrock underlying the dam site area consists of the Pennsylvania Age Pottsville Formation. The predominant rock types in the Pottsville and other formations in the area are sandstone and conglomerate with interbeds of shale and coal locally. The dam site, as is much of central Pennsylvania, is completely folded and faulted. The regional bedrock structure is characterized by a series of northeast to east-northeast trending folds and faults. The dam site is located on the south limb of an east-northeast trending anticline (upfold) and between two easterly striking thrust faults. The region approximately 2,500 feet south of the dam site has experienced much folding and faulting and has been extensively mined for coal.

Except for numerous conglomeratic sandstone boulders, no bedrock exposures were encountered during the field investigation. However, based upon published Pennsylvania geologic maps, the bedrock in the dam site area strikes from near east-west to east-northeast with a southerly (downstream) dip.

